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- 1. FOLLOWING INFORMAL MEETING REPORTED REFTEL SWEDES CONVENED FURTHER MEETING P. M. APRIL 11 FOR PURPOSE REPORTING ON MEETING THEY HAD WITH EXDIR STRONG LAST WEEK. SWEDEN, BRAZIL, INDONESIA, CANADA AND US WERE PRESENT.
- 2. SWEDES DISCUSSED PROGRAM, REGULATIONS AND RULES FOR FUND AND PROCEDURES WITH STRONG, BUT, ON BASIS GENERALITIES THEY REPORTED TO INFORMAL GROUP, THEY AND OTHERS FAR LESS INFORMED THAN USG, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING MISOFF AND DEPTOFF MEETING WITH FUND DIRECTOR, WHICH BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. FURTHERMORE, THEY DID NOT APPEAR HAVE ANY OF DOCUMENTS SO FAR PREPARED, ALTHOUGH STRONG PROMISED HE WOULD FORWARD THESE TO SWEDES TO PASS ON TO GROUP
- 3. RE PROGRAM, STRONG SAID HE ONLY EXPECTED PRELIMINARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSION IN JUNE, ALBEIT WANTING FROM GC PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND SETTING OF PRIORITIES. HE SAID H LO T

T VE HIS VIEWS ON PRIORITIES AND, AS EXAMPLE, CITED LOSS OF CULTIVABLE SOIL, INCLUDING DESERT ENCROACHMENT AND CLIMATE AND WEATHER CHANGES. HE ALSO SAID PROGRAM DECIDED ON BY GC WOULD BE UNEP'S INSTRUMENT FOR COORDINATION.

- 4. RE GC ITSELF, STRONG SAID HE WOULD TAKE NO POSITION WITH RESPECT BUREAU, ADDING THIS WAS A MATTER FOR GOVERNMENTS. STRONG SUPPORTS PRE SESSIONAL MEETING IN MAY BUT IS NOT ANXIOULS CONVENE IT HIMSELF. THUS, IT APPEARS SWEDES WILL DO SO ON BASIS THEIR CHAIRMANSHIP OF CONFERENCE. SWEDES REPORT, ON BASIS FIRST CONSULTATIONS, FAIRLY WIDE SUPPORT AMONG DELS FOR MEETING A PARTICULARLY CITED USSR AND CHINA. TENTATIVE DATES FOR THIS MEETING ARE MAY 24 AND 25. FYI THESE DATES WOULD CONVENIENTLY FOLLOW STRONG'S APPEARANCE BEFORE ACABQ ON MAY 23 REPORTED SEPTEL. END FYI.
- 5. CANADIANS REPORTED PLANS SEEM TO BE IN WORKDS FOR SECO D SESSION OF GC EARLY IN 1974.
- 6. NOTHING OF WHICH WE UNAWARE WAS DISCUSSED RE FUND RULES IN ABSTRACT, CAUTIONED THAT FUND RULES WOULD BE SETTING PRECEDENT AND STRONG WOULD NOT BE EXDIR FOREVER.
- 7. AT SUGGESTION SWEDES, GROUP AGREED CONTINUE AS IS FOR TIME BEING AND CONSIDER FUTHER MEETING WHEN PAPERS RECEIVED FROM STRONG. SCALI

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